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1. NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN ALL TRINIDAD SUGAR
ESTATES AND FACTORY WORKERS' TRADE UNION (ATSEFWTU) AND
STATE-OWNED CARONI LIMITED ARE DUE TO RESUME TODAY AFTER
AN INTERRUPTION OF OVER FIVE WEEKS.CARONI'S DECISION TO
RETURN TO THE BARGAINING TABLE THUS AVOIDS, FOR THE TIME
BEING AT LEAST, THE STRIKE OF OVER 10,000 WORKERS THREATENED
BY THE UNION'S PRESIDENT, BASDEO PANDAY, IF THE COMPANY DID
NOT DO SO. WE HAVE NO EVIDENCE, HOWEVER, THAT THE COMPANY
IS WILLING YET TO IMPROVE ITS CURRENT WAGE OFFER OF NO
INCREASE OVER THE NEXT FOUR YEARS, A POSITION TOTALLY
UNACCEPTABLE TO THE UNION AND THE LABOR MOVEMENT IN GENERAL.
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